

Alexandria Gazette.

TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 11.

LOCAL NEWS.

For this district warmer, southerly winds and fair weather.

UNITED STATES COURT.—The United States Circuit and District Courts met at eleven o'clock to-day, Judge R. W. Hughes presiding.

The grand jury, Wm. A. Smoot foreman, was called and sent to their room for conference. The petit jury was called and adjourned over until to-morrow at eleven o'clock, owing to motions to be argued before Judge Bond, Circuit Judge, and Judge Hughes, of the District Court.

Among those present at Court were Mr. William L. Royall, counsel for the Council of Foreign Bondholders of Virginia; Col. J. C. Gibson, District Attorney, and James Lyons, Jr., assistant District Attorney; Maj. C. M. Blackford, of Lynchburg; Maj. L. R. Page, of Richmond; Attorney General R. A. Ayers; Judge A. M. Alken, of Danville, and Richard Walke, of Norfolk.

At twelve o'clock Judge Bond arrived and, with Judge Hughes, proceeded to dispatch the business specially assigned.

Maj. L. R. Page, of counsel for George M. Bain, Jr., convicted in Norfolk, and whose motion for a new trial was adjourned here, to be heard to-day, then moved the Court for a continuance of the motion on account of the absence of Judge W. W. Crump, who was too unwell to be present.

After conference the Court ordered the motions in arrest of judgment and for a new trial to be argued forthwith. Mr. Walke then began the argument for the defense in support of the motions. That in arrest of judgment was based upon the ground that the grand jury which found the indictment was without authority so to do. The grand jury was empaneled in Alexandria, sat there for several days, and then, having transacted all their business, was adjourned over to the session at Richmond. Completing their business there, they were again adjourned over to the session at Norfolk, where the indictment upon which the defendant was convicted was found. It was claimed that the grand jury was summoned to serve at Alexandria, and its proceedings at any other term of the court were null and void. It was urged in the second place that the court had allowed a substantial amendment to be made in the indictment by striking out certain substantial allegations thereof. The motion for a new trial was based upon the insufficiency of the evidence and the admission of improper evidence. The third point was presented as follows: "We make the further objection that the charge to the jury was not correct, but this point we do not care to argue. That is the point we wish to hear argued."

"Do you recall the particular part of the instructions you object to?" said Judge Bond. "Well, we beg to dissent from the opinion of the court upon the subject of intent."

"You are not the first lawyer who has done that," said the Judge. "In fact, the Supreme Court of the United States sometimes does it."

Major Page, at the conclusion of Mr. Walke's argument, began the discussion of the points stated above. He elaborated the proposition that a grand jury summoned to meet at Alexandria was functus officio, when the term of that court ended. The court met in Richmond and adjourned its term. It met at Norfolk and adjourned its term there.

The grand jury here entered the court room, and through their foreman presented two indictments—true bills—against Geo. Uiz, of Madison county, for violation of the internal revenue laws, in selling liquor without licenses.

The court did not desire argument from counsel for the Government.

At the conclusion of the argument, the judges conferred for a time, and then Judge Bond announced the opinion overruling the motions, but, knowing the fact that the defendant desired to apply to the Supreme Court of the United States for a writ of habeas corpus, postponed sentence until the court met at Norfolk, and without entering the formal order, but announcing that it would do so, adjourned the whole matter over until January 20, at Norfolk.

Mr. W. L. Royall then asked the court to take up the petition for a mandamus against Marye, Auditor, to compel him to credit the Treasurer of Petersburg with certain coupons received by him from tax payers; and secondly, the rule adopted by Judge Hughes requiring parties bringing suits to deposit their coupons with the clerk of the Circuit Court before process should issue in the suit.

After a short delay, expecting the arrival of Hon. J. R. Tucker, who did not reach the court room till near three o'clock, it was determined by the court, the counsel acquiescing, that the coupon cases should be argued before Judges Bond and Hughes on the 28th of January, in Baltimore.

The court adjourned till to-morrow.

COUPON CASES.—It was learned in this city to-day that indictments would be presented before the grand jury of the Richmond Hustings Court to-morrow against Mr. W. L. Royall, J. S. Vashon & Son, and J. P. Cooper, for selling coupons without a license, and that among the witnesses summoned before that body were several persons in this city. It is understood that the indictments are similar to the one presented to the grand jury in this city yesterday against Mr. R. T. Lucas, and to which that body returned a true bill.

The trial of the case of Mr. R. T. Lucas, indicted by the grand jury of this city yesterday for selling coupons without a license, as stated in the GAZETTE, has, by agreement between Mr. W. L. Royall, of Richmond, counsel for Mr. Lucas, who was in the city to-day, and Commonwealth's Attorney Marbury, been continued till the February term. It is understood that Judge C. E. Stuart will assist Mr. Marbury in the case.

DEATHS.—Mr. Thomas Downey, who, as stated in the GAZETTE, was stricken with paralysis last week, died at his home, in the Village, in the southwestern part of the city, early last night, in the 63d year of his age. Mr. Downey was born in Tipperary, Ireland, but came to this city in 1847. He was an industrious, enterprising citizen, having erected a number of buildings in different parts of the city, and at the time of his death owned a considerable amount of property.

Mr. Robert G. Funsten, of Albemarle county, son of the late Dr. O. R. Funsten, of Clarke county, died at Beattyville, Ky., on Saturday last, after a short illness, in the 21st year of his age. He was a young man of fine promise, beloved by all who knew him and his death will be learned with regret by a large circle of relatives and friends. Mr. Funsten was educated at the Episcopal High School, and went to take charge of a school at Beattyville last September.

FIRE INSURANCE MEETING.—The eighteenth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Company was held at the Alexandria House in this city yesterday, Mr. R. H. Havener in the chair, and Mr. A. C. Harmon, secretary. The following directors were elected

for the ensuing year: D. P. Smith, V. Baker, G. B. Ives, D. O. Munson, Jno. Ballenger, Wm. Hunter, C. Lukens, B. Canfield, C. P. Wilkins, Wm. Chaney, G. C. Hughes, G. C. Round and J. W. Roberts. The secretary and treasurer presented his report which showed the affairs of the company to be in a healthy condition. The amount of property insured is \$1,669,869, and the amount of assessable property \$1,726,896, an increase during the last year of \$152,777. There has been but one assessment made during the past three years and that was for a loss of \$1,223, incurred by a loss by fire last year. After the meeting of the stockholders the directors held a meeting and elected D. P. Smith, president; A. C. Harmon, secretary and treasurer and V. Baker, general agent; D. P. Smith, C. Lukens and V. Baker were chosen the executive committee.

PERSONAL.—The Misses Yeaton, who have been spending the winter in Lynchburg, are in the city on a visit to their sister, Mrs. C. E. Stuart.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smoot have gone to Baltimore to attend a reception to be given them to-night by Mrs. R. W. Cator, Mrs. Smoot's mother. The reception will be a brilliant affair and a number of Alexandrians will attend.

Mr. Robert Portner and family, who have been in Bermuda for some time past, have returned to their home in Washington. The condition of Mrs. J. A. DeLaguel, whose illness has been mentioned, continues unchanged.

Col. J. Callett Gibson, U. S. District Attorney, it is understood, will shortly remove to this city, where he will make his home.

RECEIVER APPOINTED FOR DANVILLE AND NEW RIVER R. R. Co.—J. Wilcox Brown, and other bondholders of the Danville and New River Railroad company, last fall filed a bill in the Circuit Court for the western district of Virginia, asking that a receiver be appointed for said road and that a sale be ordered to enforce the payment of its bonds. To-day a motion was made before Judge Bond for the appointment of such receiver. The bondholders and trustees were represented by Mr. Frank P. Clark, of Baltimore, and Mr. Chas. M. Blackford, of Lynchburg, Va. The company was represented by Hon. A. M. Alken, of Danville. The Judge granted the prayer for a receiver and John C. Wrenshall was appointed receiver and will at once take charge of the road and its properties and franchises.

RIVER ITEMS.—There is no chance to note in the condition of the river, its surface still being covered with ice, it is said now, almost to its mouth, the thickness of which increases nightly. The tug Sampson came around from Baltimore on Saturday last to the assistance of the tug Jupiter, which had been cut through by the ice and run ashore at Conches Point, below the White House, and towed her back to Baltimore. All the vessels in the river are well frozen in and will be unable to get out without the assistance of tugs. The crews of the schooners T. G. Smith and Clytie, now at the wharves of Messrs. W. A. Smoot & Co., in this city, have been discharged, as there is no chance of those vessels getting away for some time.

TELEPHONE SUITS.—The Bell telephone company it appears has instituted suits against the various parties operating telephone lines in the neighboring counties for infringement on their patents and rights. Deputy Marshal J. H. Overby was in this city to-day, having just come from Loudoun and Fauquier counties where he has been to serve notice of such suit on the operators of the lines between Purcellville and Union; Warren and Culpeper; and Leesburg and Point of Rocks, and summoning them to appear in this city on the first Monday in February next, before the U. S. Court to answer charges and protect their interests in said suit.

BANK DIRECTORS.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens' National Bank, held this morning, the following board of directors was elected for the ensuing year: J. B. Smoot, B. Wheat, John Perry, P. B. Hooper and E. L. Daingerfield. The stockholders of the First National Bank also held a meeting this morning and elected the following directors: S. Ferguson Beach, Wm. J. Boothe, Joseph Broders, Jas. F. Muir, and Henry Strauss.

CONVICTED.—The second trial of Mary Dabney Waller and Jennie Boggs, who were charged with the attempt to murder and rob Mr. Waller and his sister about a year ago in Spotsylvania county, a full account of which was published in the GAZETTE at the time, ended last week in the County Court of that county. The jury in the case found a verdict of guilty and fixed the term of imprisonment of the girls in the penitentiary at three years.

BLIND TOM AGAIN.—The Blind Tom case was again before the U. S. Circuit Court to-day, when, on motion of the plaintiff, it was ordered that within ten days from this date the defendant pay into the First National Bank of Alexandria all moneys which have come to his hands as committee since his appointment as such in 1884. Leigh R. Page counsel for plaintiff and S. Ferguson Beach counsel for defendant.

MEMORIAL TABLET.—The memorial tablet of Dr. J. M. Ambler, of Fauquier county, who lost his life in the De Long expedition, is now on exhibition in New York. It is of bronze, four feet long and three feet wide, and represents Dr. Ambler taking his place by the side of a dying man, with several companions, and waving farewell to two members of the expedition.

MASTER RALPH BINGHAM.—The Daily Independent, (Richmond, Ind.) speaks as follows of Master Harry Bingham, who will appear here this week: "The Grand Opera House was well filled with a very intelligent audience last night to hear the young prodigy in his character delineations. His powers have not been overrated in the least. He is simply remarkable. He is a boy in appearance, with face, manner and actions of a boy of twelve, but his genius is wonderful. His selections last evening were varied and fine, giving him a fair opportunity to show the many phases of feeling. He was pathetic, humorous, rollicking and sublime by turns. The boy grows upon his audience until they feel a deep interest in him and marvel what his future will be with such brilliant promise in boyhood. Nothing in oratory could surpass his delivery of the speech of John Quincy Adams upon the Declaration of Independence. It was in gesture, intonation and everything perfect. He kept the audience interested to the close."

The following is from the Daily Herald, (Quincy, Ill.): "The boy orator appeared yesterday afternoon and evening at the Vernon Street Baptist Church, before large enthusiastic audiences, who manifested from time to time their appreciation of his phenomenal powers. He is apparently not over eleven or twelve years of age but he surpassed the expectations of the most sanguine. His rendering pathetic, humorous and sublime selections is certainly wonderful, and that such a young boy can show a proficiency and art that men who have been before the public for a generation fail to possess, is a marvel."

ACCIDENT.—Edward Entwistle, son of Dr. James Entwistle, was accidentally run over by the feed wagon of Mr. Edgar Watkins, at the corner of King and Royal streets, yesterday evening, and painfully but not seriously hurt, the wheels passing over his left leg near the ankle. He was attended by Dr. Brown, and though suffering considerable pain to-day is doing well.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS of the county met to-day, a full board being present. After transacting considerable routine business and appointing W. C. Wibert as special collector of certain delinquent taxes, and making arrangements for the repair of the Poor's House and for the better care of the paupers of the county, the board adjourned until the second Tuesday in February.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

A regular meeting of the City Council will be held to-night.

The telephone line between this city and the upper counties is again in operation.

The Corporation Court was not in session to-day, having adjourned yesterday till to-morrow.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia of the Knights of Pythias will meet in Fredericksburg Tuesday, the 8th of February.

The police report last night as being clear and cold, with six ledgers but no prisoners at the station house. The Mayor this morning had no cases before him for trial.

Mr. L. E. Robey, of East Washington, for eight years connected with the Baltimore and Potomac railroad as brakeman and baggage master, has been promoted to a conductorship.

Mr. Stuart Johns, while skating on the river yesterday evening, broke through a piece of newly made ice near the wharf of Messrs. W. A. Smoot & Co., and received a thorough ducking.

A valuable horse, belonging to Mr. W. F. Creighton died suddenly in that gentleman's stable last night. The horse was perfectly well when put into the stable last night, but this morning was found dead.

The alarm of fire about half-past eight o'clock last night was caused by the burning of a chimney at the residence of Mr. Henry Daingerfield, on Prince street. The alarm brought out the entire department.

The annual convention of farmers and others interested in agriculture will be held at the Sandy Spring Lyceum, Montgomery county, Md., Tuesday next at ten o'clock. Lunch will be prepared by those residing near.

Mr. John M. Williams, Washington agent for the Inland and Seaboard Coasting Co., has gone to New York city, where he will take permanent charge of the business of the same company, a promotion which has been tendered him in recognition of many years of faithful service.

The deed of release from the Alexandria Canal Railroad and Bridge Company to the Alexandria Canal Company of the canal property lying between the south end of the Aqueduct bridge, in the county, and the river front, at this city, was placed on record in the clerk's office of the Corporation Court to-day.

Union Gospel services will be held at the Baptist Church to-night, at the Second Presbyterian Church to-morrow night, and at the M. E. Church South on Thursday night. The ministers who united in these services last week will continue to officiate.

The young folks guild will give a social entertainment to-morrow (Wednesday) night at Trinity M. E. Church, to which an admission fee of ten cents will be charged.

The Mayor to-night will send a communication to the City Council in relation to a number of matters which will require the attention of that body.

There will be a meeting of the board of directors of the Fire Department at the Columbia engine house this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

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